

Case: 1507

A complaint charging Jerome Patridge, D.O., Holder of License No. 2301 for the practice of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in the State of Arizona with unprofessional conduct as provided in A.R.S. §32-1854 having been received by the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board"); and Jerome Patridge, D.O., having expressed a desire to execute a Consent to Entry of Order ("Order") in lieu of participating in a public hearing concerning the allegations contained in the complaint;

(3) Jerome Patridge, D.O. acknowledges that the record prepared in this matter, all investigative material prepared and received by the Board concerning the allegations, and all related exhibits and materials may be retained in the Board's file pertaining to this matter.

1 (4) Jerome Patridge, D.O. understands that pursuant to
2 A.R.S. §32-1855, he has the right to a public hearing concerning each
3 allegation set forth in the above captioned matter at which Jerome
4 Patridge, D.O. could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.
5 Jerome Patridge, D.O. waives his right to such hearing.

6 (5) Jerome Patridge, D.O. waives any right to rehearing or
7 review or to judicial review of the Findings of Fact Conclusions of
8 Law or Order.

9 (6) Jerome Patridge, D.O. acknowledges that based upon the
10 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, coupled with his admission
11 thereto, and pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1855, the Board is authorized to
12 take formal disciplinary action against his license to practice
13 osteopathic medicine and surgery.

14 (7) Jerome Patridge, D.O. understands that he has the right to
15 consult with an attorney prior to signing this Consent to Entry of
16 Order.

17 (8) Jerome Patridge, D.O. acknowledges that the Findings of
18 Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order contained herein are conclusive
19 evidence of unprofessional conduct which may not be disputed, denied
20 or relitigated in any future proceeding and may be used for purposes
21 of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

22 (9) Jerome Patridge, D.O. hereby authorizes any attending
23 physician, psychiatrist or psychologist to release to the Board all
24 records pertaining to his care and treatment.

25 (10) Jerome Patridge, D.O. acknowledges that any violation of
26 this Order by him constitutes grounds for further disciplinary
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1 action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1854(26).

2 (11) Jerome Patridge, D.O. acknowledges that this Order is
3 effective beginning on the 12 day of February, 1993.

4 DATED this 12 day of FEB., 1993.

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7 Attorney for Respondent


Respondent

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FINDINGS OF FACT

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10 Jerome Patridge, D.O. is the holder of License No. 2031 for
11 the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery in the State of
12 Arizona.

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14 The Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery is
15 the duly constituted authority for the regulation of the practice of
16 osteopathic medicine and surgery in the State of Arizona, pursuant
17 to Title 32, chapter 17 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

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20 The Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery is
21 authorized, pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1855(B) to require a physician
22 under investigation to undergo any combination of medical, physical
23 or mental examinations the Board finds necessary to determine the
24 physician's competence.

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IV

26 On October 29, 1992, Jerome Patridge, D.O., prior to undergoing a
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1 hemorrhoidectomy at Mohave Valley Hospital, Bullhead City, Arizona,
2 instructed surgical nurse [REDACTED], R.N. to administer 200-300
3 mg. of Demerol to him as a sedating agent for surgery.

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5 Jerome Patridge, D.O., was, at that time not functioning in the
6 capacity of a physician, but rather was a surgical patient.

7 VI

8 On October 29, 1992, [REDACTED], R.N., acting on the instructions
9 of Jerome Patridge, D.O., administered 200-300 mg. of Demerol to
10 Jerome Patridge, D.O., as a sedating agent prior to surgery.

11 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12 VII

13 The conduct described in paragraphs IV through VI herein
14 constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in A.R.S. §32-1854(22):
15 Use of controlled substances of prescription-only drugs unless
16 provided by a medical practitioner, as defined in §32-1901 as part
17 of a lawful course of treatment.

18 ORDER

19 Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1855(E)(4), Jerome Patridge, D.O. be subject
20 to the following order:

21 (1) Jerome Patridge, D.O., shall:

22 A. Undergo individual and/or marital therapy for a period of no
23 less than six months or until discharged by his treating clinician.

24 B. Attend 2-3 A.A. meetings/week for the duration of this order.

25 C. Attend aftercare group therapy meetings with a psychologist
26 approved by the Board.

1 D. Submit to random body fluid testing to be conducted by the
2 Board.

3 (2) Jerome Patridge, D.O. shall meet with the Board regularly upon
4 the request of the Board.

5 (3) Jerome Patridge, D.O. shall use no controlled substance or
6 prescription-only medication unless prescribed by his attending
7 physician. Jerome Patridge, D.O. shall refrain completely from the
8 use of alcohol. Jerome Patridge, D.O. shall notify the Board in
9 writing of any substance or medication prescribed to him by a
10 physician within twenty-four hours after such prescription is
11 ordered by the attending physician.

12 (4) Jerome Patridge, D.O., is hereby placed on probation for a
13 period of one (1) year, following which he will be re-evaluated by
14 a Board approved psychologist or psychiatrist to determine whether
15 or not this probation shall be extended or terminated.

16 (5) Jerome Patridge, D.O., shall authorize all treating personnel
17 involved in his care to release information on his progress and
18 prognosis to the Board upon its request. This information shall be
19 considered confidential.

20 (6) Jerome Patridge, D.O. shall bear any and all costs of compliance
21 with this order.

22 DATED this 8th day of February, 1993

23 ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC
24 EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

25 [S E A L]

26 By William C. Hosen, Jr., D.O.
27 President

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